

ABSTRACT

The final result of the accounting process is the company's financial statements. Reliable financial statements are financial statements that have been audited by an external auditor. The participation of the external auditor in auditing the company's financial statements results in additional expenses for the company which are called audit fees. Audit fee is the amount of expenditure issued by a client company given to a public accounting firm that receives audit services.

Audit fee regulations in Indonesia are still stated implicitly and in the financial statements are still listed in the professional fee. External auditors earn fees by running bargains with client companies.

This study aims to look at aspects that can affect audit fees, including the independence of the board of commissioners, audit committee meetings and company profitability in agricultural sector companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange for the 2016-2019 period.

The population in this study uses agricultural companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange for the 2016-2019 period. The total research sample is 52 samples which include 13 companies with the sample selection method using non-probability sampling. The data in this study were analyzed using panel data which is a combination of cross section and time series data and using Eviews 10 software.

The results of this study prove that the independence of the board of commissioners, audit committee meetings and profitability have a simultaneous influence on audit fees. Partially prove that the audit committee meeting variable has a partial influence with a positive direction on audit fees, while the independence of the board of commissioners and company profitability do not have a partial effect on audit fees. Suggestions for further researchers are to extend the observation period and add a population of companies from all types of industry categories so that the research results can be generalized.

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